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In re Application of:)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. A copy of each document is enclosed.

Each document listed in the Foreign Patent Document section of the attached PTO Form 1449 was cited in a counterpart PCT International Search Report dated June 7, 2002, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. A concise explanation of the relevance of each of the non-English language documents is found in the attached copy of the International Search Report, which is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the above-listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

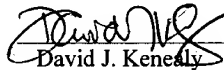
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the application and the references therein, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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